

194 ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* ERECTION OF THE PUMPING INSTALLATION
ON THE PALAR

[Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar] [19th October 1927]

been settled in favour of the ryots, the Railway authorities could not have done anything in the matter. Therefore, there is really only one matter involved in this motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hold, under 12 (2), that the motion deals with two matters and that therefore, it is out of order.

IV

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the return* of officers under the Government of Madras who held permanent, temporary and officiating or probationary appointments on the 1st April of each of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 prescribed in G O. No. 348, Public, dated the 13th April 1926.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of a G.O. No. 1350, Development, dated 29th August 1927, recording the audit report of the Government Institute, Madura, for the quarter ending 31st December 1926.

V

LUNCH INTERVAL ON FRIDAYS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" May I know if the hon. the Leader of the House has any remarks to make on the suggestion made yesterday that, on Fridays, the Council may be adjourned at 12-30 p.m. instead of at 1-30 p.m. and continue to sit till 6 p.m. instead of till 5 p.m.?"

* The hon. Mr. N. F. MARJORIBANKS :—" I am obliged to you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. On behalf of the Government, I would like to say that the Government would prefer not to sit after 5 o'clock, as they have their normal work to attend to, but they are agreeable to the adjournment of the House on Fridays at 12-30 p.m."

VI

MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, with reference to the motion under discussion yesterday, a point of order was raised by the hon. the Advocate-General. I should like to make a statement. . ."

* Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" We are not able to hear a word of what is said in the front benches."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, I should like to state that, in consultation with the Government, we have agreed that the consideration of these supplementary demands be postponed to 31st October and, in the meantime, the Finance Committee be requested to consider the policy of the Government in appropriating the sums remitted by the Government of India and report by 31st October to the Council as to their utilization in future. In view of this joint consultation, I request that the point of order need not be pressed."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand that the Government and the Leader of the Opposition have agreed to a certain course regarding the

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supplementary grants and that my ruling on the point of order is unnecessary at this stage. Does the hon. Member propose to withdraw his own motion on the understanding between himself and the Government, and substitute this motion?"

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion I moved yesterday, viz., the motion for adjourning consideration of the supplementary grants."

* Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" In view of the fact that the Government have not moved any of the demands, with due respect to any ruling you may give, instead of our party leader withdrawing. . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is the hon. Member opposing the withdrawal?"

* Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I am only suggesting to you, with your permission, for your ruling, whether it is in order that the motion should be withdrawn. I believe that it is for the Government Members to withdraw their demands and say that they will bring forward their demands later on."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The motion of the Leader of Opposition is that his motion may be withdrawn by leave of the House. I wish to know whether it is the pleasure of the House to allow him to withdraw his motion."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, I now move—

‘ that the consideration of the demands for supplementary grants be postponed to 31st October and that, in the meantime, the Finance Committee be requested to consider the policy of the Government in appropriating sums remitted by the Government of India and to report by the 31st October to the Council as to their utilization in future.’"

* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I second it."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sir, I wish to have a doubt cleared. My mind is far from being clear on the position of my hon. Friend, the Leader of the Opposition. He made a motion yesterday for the postponement of the consideration of these supplementary demands. With the leave of the House, without a ruling from you—because it was stated that no ruling was necessary in the light of what my hon. Friend was going to say—the motion was withdrawn. And now my hon. Friend brings in what, to my mind, is practically an identical motion, viz., one for the postponement or adjournment of the consideration of these demands. The only difference between the motion that was withdrawn and the motion that is now proposed is that in the present one a particular date, 31st October, is fixed while in yesterday's motion, the adjournment was proposed without fixing any date. I wish to know whether this motion is permissible and whether on this motion also your ruling is not necessary. Because, as I submitted, the motion that was withdrawn is practically identical with the present motion except that in this motion a date has been fixed."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is entitled to raise the point of order even on this motion. Does he propose to do so?"

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes. I say that this motion is not in order unless your ruling is given in its favour."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Since the question has already been well examined on both sides and the same point of order has been raised now, I think I am bound to give my ruling.

"The only provisions under which a motion for an adjournment or postponement of supplementary demands under Standing Order No. 34 can be regarded as incompetent are those contained in the last sentence of section 72 D (2) of the Government of India Act and rule 30 (2) of the Council Rules. I am at present unwilling to construe section 72 D (2) and rule 30 (2) as prohibitive of other forms of motions which can be made during the debates on supplementary demands and therefore I consider that the motion is in order."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, the motion is that the financial policy of the Government should be referred to the Finance Committee. My objection to this is that the Finance Committee has already considered the policy or no-policy. I say so, Sir, because I think that they have no policy whatever (*laughter*); and it is only with the consent of the Finance Committee which dealt with them in a haphazard manner without correlating them that these demands have been placed before the House. Although I have more than once urged that, as in the House of Commons, in laying down schemes, the Government should lay down the policy underlying their programme, that has not been done. The Government, especially the Transferred half, should take us into their confidence and consult us as to their various schemes. The Finance Committee has failed to get from the Government an enunciation of their policy regarding the various supplementary grants and I therefore consider that the committee has proved itself incompetent to consider this. I therefore propose as an amendment to this proposal that a new committee be selected by this House. The committee may consist of 15 Members altogether."

* Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"I second the amendment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Is it an amendment?"

* Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"I took it as an amendment."

12 noon. * The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member has not handed over a copy of the amendment to me."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"The motion of the hon. Leader of the Opposition comes to me as a surprise and it was not given notice of."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The motion that has been moved by Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti runs thus: 'That the consideration of the supplementary demands be postponed to 31st instant and that in the meantime, the Finance Committee be requested to consider the policy of the Government in appropriating the sums remitted by the Government of India and to report to the Council by the 31st of October as to their utilization in future'. To this motion, an amendment has since been moved by the hon. Member, Mr. Saldanha, and seconded by Mr. Karant, and that amendment runs thus:

'Instead of the words "the Finance Committee" the words "a committee of 15 Members elected by this House" be substituted.'

"Now, the amendment is for the discussion of the House."

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* Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Whatever exactly may be the object of the hon. the Leader of the Opposition which prompted him to agree with the Government in thinking that a satisfactory report on the policy of the Government will be submitted to this Council by the 31st of October by the Finance Committee, to amend that motion by saying that a committee consisting of 15 elected Members of this House shall be appointed in place of the Finance Committee for the same purpose is somewhat extraordinary. The reason for the Council adjourning on the 22nd and again meeting on the 31st is simply to enable the mufassal Members to go back to their places. If my hon. Friend's amendment is accepted and if some of the Members are asked to sit on the proposed committee and to report, then it will be inconveniencing a lot of Members. For, some people may not be able to sit on the committee at all during its sittings in these days. But as the committee is bound to submit its report by the 31st, it will have to do so without carefully and thoroughly going into the whole question, if my hon. Friend's amendment is accepted. I do not think we can have a better committee than the Finance Committee and my hon. Friend, Mr. Saldanha, may rest satisfied with it inasmuch as it has got as many as four Members of the Swaraj Party who can very well represent the views of that party on the committee."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I take it that the House is ready for giving its vote upon this amendment."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I beg to withdraw my amendment." (*Loud laughter.*)

The amendment was by leave withdrawn.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I take it that the House is ready for the question. The question is :

'That the consideration of the supplementary demands be postponed and that in the meantime the Finance Committee be requested to consider the policy of the Government in appropriating the sums remitted by the Government of India and to report by the 31st October to the Council their utilization in future.'"

The motion was put and adopted.

VII

DRAFT RULE UNDER SECTION 201 OF THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT.

* The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not propose to move the motion a which stands in my name on the agenda."

a II.—Motion to be made by the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN will move—

That the following draft rule proposed to be made by the Local Government under sub-section (1) of section 201 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, adding to rule 10 of Schedule II to the Act, be approved :—

Draft Rule.

In exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-section (1) of section 201 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the Local Government make the following rule adding to rule 10 of Schedule II to the Act :—

" The words 'and to the District Collector' shall be added to clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 10."